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SUBJECT: BELGIAN PRESS REACTION TO PRESIDENT'S ENERGY PROGRAM

1. INDEPENDENT LE SOIR (APRIL 25) WRITES THAT "LAST WEEK WILL PROBABLY REMAIN IN THE HISTORY OF THE U.S. AS THE WEEK DURING WHICH THE AMERICANS BECAME AWARE OF THE FACT THAT THE AGE OF THE AFFLUENT SOCIETY IS DEFINITELY OVER. IN ANY CASE, PRESIDENT CARTER DID HIS BEST ... TO MAKE THE AMERICAN PEOPLE BECOME CLEARLY AND THOROUGHLY CONSCIOUS OF IT. BY DECLARING WAR ON WASTE, THE PRESIDENT WAS IN A MORE DIFFICULT SITUATION THAN ROOSEVELT AFTER THE ATTACK ON PEARL HARBOR. THIS TIME, THE ENEMY IS NO LONGER THE JAPANESE, THE ENEMY IS WITHIN THE U.S. ITSELF. THE CRUCIAL QUESTION -- AND THIS IS THE REASON WHY THE PRESIDENT MADE SO MANY EFFORTS TO MAKE IT DRAMATICALLY PLAUSIBLE -- IS THE FOLLOWING: DOES THE AVERAGE AMERICAN BELIEVE REALLY, BASICALLY, THAT THERE IS AN ENERGY CRISIS?" LE SOIR OBSERVES THAT THE CARTER PLAN IS NOT ONLY OPPOSED BY THE AFFECTED INDUSTRIAL CIRCLES, BUT ALSO BY THE CONGRESS. IT CONCLUDES: "TO WIN, MR. CARTER HAS ONLY ONE ALLY: PUBLIC OPINION. THE QUESTION, WHICH WILL BE ANSWERED ONLY AFTER SEVERAL MONTHS IS: WAS HE CONVINCING ENOUGH?"

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2. WEEKLY DIMANCHE-PRESS OBSERVES THAT "THERE IS EVERY INDICATION THAT CARTER HAS THOUGHT OVER THE QUESTION VERY SERIOUSLY, THAT IN CONSCIENCE HE ASSUMED A RESPONSIBILITY WHICH HE HAD TO TAKE AND THAT HE WILL ACHIEVE AT LEAST TWO THIRDS OF HIS PLAN."
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